

## Secretary's Report

2015 was a reasonably successful year for Cork athletics. A number of new clubs were formed even though participation did not reflect the same increase.

Road races as ever are on the increase but with return of 10% of permit fees this creates some income for the board.

Cork athletes represented Ireland at every grade from juvenile to masters with very respectable results. Some athletes are still awaiting outstanding medals as a result of disqualification of international athletes.

I regret I was unable to attend very few of the track and field county championships due to pressure of work but did much better at the cross country events this year.

We had two very successful new events in our athletics calendar this year The Grant Thornton on a very sunny June evening and the night run at the airport in November. The date for the night run wasn't very suitable as the National cross country championships were on in Dublin the following day and this put a lot of pressure on those left behind.

Full credit must go to Bill Allen, Pat Walsh, P.J.Walsh and their team who got the whole thing done and dusted without a hitch. Well done.

I would once again like to pay tribute to Paddy, Pat and their wonderful Mini marathon team for yet another very successful race. Great credit is due to them for their wonderful organisation, courses etc. Well done to all who worked so hard to ensure that this event was a great success again this year.

I would like to thank Mary Meagher for her invaluable help once again throughout this past year. She is always there and willing to

*help, no matter how insignificant my questions might be sometimes. I would also like to thank our webmaster John Quigley for the terrific job he did during the past year, long may he continue. It's wonderful to see results up so quickly and permitted races also advertised so quickly.*

*Great work was done in our cross country field but unfortunately we were unable to have competitions there this past year. Hopefully it will be worth it in the end and we will be able to hold very successful championships there this coming season.*

*People still ring me during the day even though I asked last year not to do so till after 6p.m. I would ask clubs to take this on board for the coming year please.*

*There are many other topics which I could mention, but I am sure the other officers will do so in their respective reports.*

*I would like to thank my fellow officers for putting up with me during the past year and for all their help and support.*

*Finally, I would like to wish all our athletes the best of luck for 2016 and hope we will have many successes in Cork again this coming year.*

*Signed: Anne Murray  
Anne Murray,  
Secretary.  
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